

Dear Brother,

The house is working. The brotherhood is thriving. Now we secure it TOGETHER.

Right now, a young brother is walking out of the chapter room after his first executive board meeting. Down the hall, two pledges are studying for finals at the same table where active brothers pushed them to raise their grades. In the common area, a senior is catching up with an alumnus who drove three hours just to see the new house. This is 417 West Mississippi on any given evening — and it looks exactly like what you remember, because what happens inside these walls hasn't changed. It's just happening in a home that's finally worthy of it.

Your leadership gift ensures this transformation continues for every generation that follows. Please return the enclosed reply card or contact either of us directly. We'd welcome the chance to talk.

With deep gratitude, AEKΔB,



Scott Schneider '86

Co-Presidents, Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc.



Blake Wilcox '86





KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER

Securing Our Legacy





April 6, 2026

Dear Brother,

“My colors fade...for want of wearers.”

Those words, spoken centuries ago, carried a charge that eventually brought Kappa Sigma to America. They were a warning: that even the noblest traditions die without men willing to sustain them. Today, those words carry fresh urgency for Epsilon Gamma.



Before we share a single detail about what's ahead, we want to start with two words that are long overdue: *thank you*. Whether you've given financially, shown up at Homecoming, kept in touch with your pledge brothers, or simply carried the values of Kappa Sigma into your family and career — you are part of the reason this chapter has endured for more than 85 years. That kind of loyalty doesn't happen by accident. It happens because what we experienced together in Ruston was real, and it marked us for life. So before anything else: thank you, Brother.

We're writing today with remarkable news and a frank request that calls on every brother who has ever worn the Star and Crescent.

The remarkable news: after years of planning, sacrifice, and perseverance through a global pandemic, construction is complete. The Epsilon Gamma chapter house is not a rendering. It is not a plan. It is a permanent, fully operational home at 417 West Mississippi in Ruston — a great location only a block away from the original house. Brothers are living in it right now — study rooms are full. The chapter room hosts initiations. For the first time in a generation, alumni are returning to campus and walking through the doors of a home worthy of what Kappa Sig means to all of us. The transition from borrowed spaces and temporary arrangements to a permanent chapter house is real.

But a building alone does not secure a legacy. A previous campaign raised over \$1.3 million from alumni — generosity that laid critical groundwork. Yet the combination of pandemic delays, inflation, and rising material costs pushed the project well beyond original estimates, leaving substantial remaining debt. Through it all, brothers Scott Hill and Jerry Lorey personally guaranteed the construction loan, putting their own names on the line to ensure the house was finished. Their courage kept the dream alive. Now it falls to the full brotherhood — all of us — to ensure that what they protected becomes a permanent home, not just a permanent debt.

Here is the reality: we need the brotherhood to come together now and secure

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what has been built.

Under the current financial structure, housing costs would consume over 80% of chapter dues and require 100% occupancy at rates that aren't competitive with other fraternities at Louisiana Tech. Having the highest dues structure on campus and the lowest social budget is a model that will not survive at Louisiana Tech. If we cannot reduce the debt, we cannot keep the house affordable — and if we cannot keep it affordable, we will lose the very thing the brotherhood built together. The window to act is narrow.

Let us be direct: this is urgent. The house is complete, but the debt threatens everything it was built to protect. A small group of alumni volunteers has come together under Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc. to develop a long-term, sustainable solution — but no small group can do this alone. This will take the full brotherhood standing together. Any solution must keep Greek life affordable — Louisiana Tech prides itself on being one of the best values in higher education, and competition among fraternities means we cannot simply raise rates and expect to recruit the caliber of young men this chapter deserves. The Foundation has set two clear financial targets: \$1.5 million makes the mortgage serviceable and keeps Greek life affordable for our chapter. \$2.5 million eliminates the debt entirely and secures the home for the Epsilon Gamma chapter indefinitely.

If you're wondering whether what happens in that house really lasts — consider Sean Casey '87.

Sean arrived at the Kappa Sig house in the fall of 1986 with, as he puts it, "a lot yet to learn about life." What he found was a brotherhood that became his news source, daily planner, and social compass. He sweated through Hawaiian Party prep — hauling trailer loads of oak trees out of the woods of Webster and Bienville Parishes to raise that annual timber shrine. He celebrated with brothers who became, in his words, the kind of men who "almost 40 years later would at a moment's notice drive across multiple states in the middle of the night if I or my family needed help."

That's not a figure of speech. When Hurricane Katrina devastated southeast Louisiana in 2005, a Kappa Sigma brother opened his home to Sean, his family, and two family friends — for nearly two weeks. When Hurricane Ida struck in 2021, that same brother did it again. No questions asked. No hesitation.

"I treasure the memories and the connection I have with these brothers," Sean wrote, "and that house in Ruston that will always be a home for me."

We can tell you from personal experience that Sean's story is not the exception but the rule.

When our brother Scott was diagnosed with cancer, the prognosis shifted from hopeful to serious when it metastasized. Surgery followed, then recurrence, then treatment at MD Anderson. Throughout months of uncertainty, fraternity brothers checked on him at least ten times more often

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than local friends. That's not a commentary on his local friends — it's a testament to the depth of bonds forged at the Epsilon Gamma chapter decades earlier. When his son Jack surprised the family by choosing Louisiana Tech and pledging Kappa Sigma, the lifelong bond of Epsilon Gamma was evident as four legacy brothers were initiated with Jack by our own highly respected GMC, Dr. Steen Trawick '88.

Nearly 40 years later, those friends and brothers remain some of the closest people in his life, and that is precisely why he is involved in this effort today: so that future young men have the same opportunity to develop bonds that last a lifetime.

That's what this house makes possible. Every square foot of 417 West Mississippi enables the intangible transformation that makes Kappa Sig extraordinary. The chapter room where leadership is tested. The common areas where strangers become brothers. The study spaces where academic discipline takes root. The gathering places where alumni return and reconnect with their roots. This physical space is the catalyst for Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service — the four pillars that every one of us pledged to uphold.

Brother, we are asking you to make the most significant gift you can to this campaign.

For some of us, that's \$5,000. For others, it's \$25,000 or \$50,000 or more. Whatever your capacity, we encourage you to stretch — because the earlier these gifts arrive, the less interest the Foundation will incur, and the faster we secure a sustainable future. Multi-year pledges of three to five years make significant gifts achievable, and every dollar moves us closer to eliminating this debt for good.

If you hold appreciated stock, have a Donor-Advised Fund, or are eligible for a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, **these giving vehicles may allow you to make a larger gift while maximizing your tax benefits.** Details are included on the enclosed reply card, and we welcome a personal conversation about how to structure your gift in the way that works best for you.

Naming opportunities are also available for leadership gifts. If you'd like to discuss placing your name — or a family name, or the name of a brother who shaped your life — on a space in the chapter house, please reach out. These recognitions are meaningful not just as honors, but as permanent reminders to every future brother that alumni stood behind them.

Stephen Alonzo Jackson, the man who transformed Kappa Sigma from a small group of friends into an international brotherhood, once challenged his brothers to hand down their values as "a precious heirloom to ages yet unborn." He dreamed of a fraternity whose principles would outlast any single generation. That's exactly what we're doing here. We're not building a house — the house

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is built. We're securing a home where the bonds of Kappa Sigma will continue to shape men of honor and courage for decades to come.

We took an oath that was "not for a day, or an hour, or a college term only, but for life." This is what that oath looks like in practice.

Please review the enclosed materials, complete the reply card, and return it at your earliest convenience. Or call either of us directly — we'd welcome the chance to talk, brother to brother, about what your gift can do.

With deep gratitude, AEKΔB,



Scott Schneider '86

Co-President, Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc.



Blake Wilcox '86

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P.S. The chapter must have a sustainable financial model in place before Fall 2026 rush. Your gift now — especially if made through appreciated assets or a multi-year pledge — directly reduces the interest burden and accelerates our path to financial stability. Please don't wait.

P.P.S. Neil Carlisle said it best: "No one had more fun than we did in Kappa Sigma at Tech." Let's make sure the next generation of brothers can say the same thing 40 years from now. Your investment isn't in real estate — it's in the experiences that define lives. AEKΔB.

Your donation may qualify for a tax deduction even if you do not itemize. Talk with your financial advisor to make the most of the new giving incentives in 2026.

Board of Directors and Officers

Scott Schneider '86, Blake Wilcox '86,

Tim Methvin '85, Sean Casey '87,

Neil Carlisle '88, Kurt Appel '83,

Scott Hill '88, Gregg Paddie '85,

Ty Bromell '88, Kevin McNabb '90



SECURING OUR LEGACY

Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc. | Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Kappa Sigma

THANK YOU, GENEROUS DONORS

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of December 31, 2025

Revised Need
\$3,500,000

Total Collected
\$1,035,838

Total Due
\$210,000

Donors to Date 130

We appreciate everyone listed below for contributing to the ongoing campaign efforts. You have chosen to prioritize Epsilon-Gamma's future at Louisiana Tech, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

Those who have contributed \$1,000 or more are listed below. Those who commit \$5,000 or more will be included on our final plaque at campaign completion. If there is an error in your listing, we sincerely apologize. Please contact scott.schneider@mereduc.com to submit corrections.

AEKAB Society-\$250k+

Ty Bromell 1988
John Pat Bullock 1991
Brad A. Powell 1992
David Watters 2006
In memory of
Charles G. Watters 1941

Grand Master's Cornerstone Society-\$150k+

Star & Crescent-\$100k+

Bill Elmore 1967
Community Foundation of North
Louisiana Lyndon Erroll Dawson Jr.
Advised Fund

Four Pillars Society-\$75k+

The Hill Family
Scott Hill 1988
Colin Hill 2019
The Lorey Family
Jerry Lorey 1992
Grayson Lorey, Γ 2012
Cameron Lorey 2019
Lad Lorey 2019

The Five Friends and Brothers Society-\$50k+

J. Derald Morgan 1959
Roland J. Dartez 1985
In honor of Roland Dartez
Norman Morris 1985
5 Friends Program
The Schneider Family
Frederick H. Schneider Γ 1895
Frederick H. Schneider, Jr. Γ '27
D. Scott Schneider 1986
Jackson H. Schneider 2021
Jered G. Ramsey 1994
Keith D. Moffit 2003

Skull and Crossbones Society-\$25k+

Jerry S. Drewett 1960
Coni and Jack Fisher 1963
Janet and Thomas Phillips 1965
Christopher G. McJunkins 1985
The Colvin Family
Jim Colvin 1987
Ben Colvin 2019
Patrick Weldon 1987
Maury Wooldridge 1987

The Bedrock of the Brotherhood-\$15k+

The Wilcox Family
Blake Wilcox 1986
Jack Wilcox-Tau Epsilon 2014
Donald P. Johnson Jr. 2008

Bononia Docet Society-\$10k+

Anonymous
George "Woodie" Jackson 1954
In memory of Jerry D. Warren 2017
Charles J. Baragona 1961
The Wise Family
Mike Wise 1978
Shelby Wise 2007
Greg Town 1980
Kurt Appel 1983
Reeder Family Gift
Chad "Ole Boy" Reeder '88
Kip Reeder 2021
Michael Futch 1989
Coy Cockrell 2003
In memory of Ken Riggins
J.J. Horton 2006

Crescent of Bologna Circle-\$7.5k+

Tim Methvin 1985
Sterling Day 2011
In memory of Chase Frasier '11

Scarlet, White, and Emerald Green Society-\$5k+

Epsilon-Gamma Active Chapter 2021
John A. O'Neal 1949
Samuel B. White Jr. 1958
Ernest Young 1958
Chip Gaiennie 1959
Michael Sport 1961
Keith McKinney 1963
Bert G. "Doc" Moore 1963
Douglas Miller 1964
Fred Odom 1965
Chuck Donner 1968

David H. Cicerone 1970
In memory of Mike Rikels
T. Craig Lewis III 1972
In memory of Tom Showalter 1970
and Tommy Lomax 1972
Craig R. Springmeyer 1972
Tommy Donner 1973
In memory of Elliott Patrick Donner
Bryan Ashley 1974
In honor of The 1973 Pledge Class
and Brother Initiates of 1974
Dut LeBlanc 1977
Timothy W. Kane 1981
Rodney C. Farr 1984
Randy Denmon 1985
Travis R. Boney 1987
Sean M. Casey 1987
The Massad Family
Brad Massad 1987
Carlson Massad 2021
Barro Massad 2022
Neil Carlisle 1988
Edward Lee Traweek II 1988
Chris Caskey 1989
Jamie Copeland 1989
Barry Terrell Jr. 1992
Jamie Augustine 1995
The Paul Family
Aaron T. Paul 1995
Ryan W. Paul 2002
In memory of Ben Cooper 2003
Cameron M. Best 2002
Hayes Carter 2002
In memory of Stephen Brooks
Jackson
Silas A. Martin 2002
Ryne W. Tanner 2003
Josh Abney 2004
Joseph A. Barlow 2004
In memory of
Jason D. Chandler 2005
Andrew R. Kittler 2004
Christopher W. Riggins 2004
In memory of Ken Riggins
Blake Stephenson 2004
Travis M. Wimer 2005
Hani W. Hammad 2006
Lee Michael Estes 2008
Ryan J. Mitchell 2009
J. Adam C. Woods 2013
William Tosten 2016

Lily of the Valley Society-\$2.5k+

Anonymous
In memory of
Vincent Randazzo 1968
Gray Easterling 1965
Kenny Solley 1968
Jerry J. Earle 1969
In memory of Chris Eddy
Dean Woods 1970
The Woodard Family
Risdon E. Woodard III 1971
Pat Woodard 1973
G. Mark Woodard 1978
In memory of R. E. "Jack"
Woodard Jr.
John Kinnebrew 1972
Wayne Mitchell 1974
Rod Pilgreen 1986
Landon "Dean" Lewis 1987
Dan Hoover 1988
David P. Lazenby 1988
Cordell Coleman 1991
Craig Fomby 1992
Bubbe Day 1995
Randy "Red" Miller Jr. 1995
Andy Sandel 1995
Wes Eustes 2004
Cade A. Lopez 2009
William R. Spatafora 2009
Drew P. Theriot 2013
Will Trahan 2013

Loyal Brothers-\$1k+

Anonymous
Edward H. Roberts Jr. 1954
Larry W. Solley 1960
Billy Haddad 1967
Mark A. Hebert Sr. 1981
Michael F. Malloy 1982
Sam Giglio 1985
Keith Smith 1984
Clint Campbell 1990
Kevin L. McNabb 1990
Talbot Hemrick 1991
Gerard Methvin 1991
Ro Carter 1995
Matt Barry 2005
Heath B. Waxley 2011
Frank B. Higgins 2013

The Cash Flow Statement below shows the cash used from the beginning of the project through November 30, 2025 on the left column.

The debt incurred to complete this project came from a \$2.6 million construction loan from Century Next Bank which was fully utilized. We are currently paying interest only on this note and expect to convert this to a 20-year amortized mortgage on August 15, 2026.

The column on the right is the projected cash flow to eliminate the debt on the house by 12/31/2030. Obviously, an important part of paying this note off quickly is raising a significant amount of cash to reduce the debt and interest early in the campaign.

Cash Flow Statement - through 11/30/25 and projected			
Cash Inflows:	Through 11/30/2025	* projected 12/31/2030	
Barnett Springs House Net	\$ 114,958	\$ -	
Previous Fundraising and Pledges	1,027,838	250,000	
New Fundraising Effort	-	2,600,000	
Century Next Bank (Construction Loan)	2,604,682	-	
Chapter Rent and Parlor Fees	98,039	500,000	
Total Cash Inflows	\$ 3,845,517	\$ 3,350,000	
Cash Outflows:			
Land Purchase	\$ 625,000	\$ -	
Construction Cost & Improvements	2,364,263	-	
Landscape, Furniture & Other	54,530	-	
Fundraising Expenses	247,830	110,000	
Interest and Banking Expenses	333,795	500,000	
Century Next Bank (Loan Repayment)	-	2,604,682	
Operating Expenses	45,403	150,000	
General and Administrative Expenses	48,670	75,000	
Total Cash Outflows	\$ 3,719,491	\$ 3,439,682	
Beginning Cash	\$ -	\$ 126,026	
Change	\$ 126,026	\$ (89,682)	
Ending Cash	\$ 126,026	\$ 36,344	

*Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc., a Louisiana non-profit 501(c)(7) member corporation, was formed in 2019 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 401 and 417 W. Mississippi St., Ruston, LA, and constructing the Kappa Sigma Epsilon-Gamma chapter house on this property. Since September 2025, it has been operated with a new Board of Directors and Officers who are working towards securing a stable fiscal foundation for the chapter house.

Louisiana Tech University Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, accepts designated gifts to campus organizations for educational purposes. Please consult your financial or tax professional regarding tax treatment of any donation.



SECURING OUR LEGACY — SPRING 2026 CAMPAIGN

Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc. | Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Kappa Sigma

Not for a College Term Only, but for Life.

FROM:

TO:

**Scott Schneider
Blake Wilcox
Co-Presidents
Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc.**

YES, Scott & Blake! I will make a leadership gift to secure our legacy and ensure the Epsilon Gamma chapter continues transforming lives for generations to come. **My leadership gift is:** _____.

Brothers who commit \$5,000 or more will be permanently recognized on our donor recognition wall.

Giving Levels Needed

Gift Level	# of Gifts Needed	Total Per Level	Grouped Giving Levels
\$500,000	1	\$500,000	The Pillar of the Order *
\$250,000	1	\$250,000	AEKAB Society *
\$150,000	2	\$300,000	Grand Master's Cornerstone Society *
\$100,000	3	\$300,000	Star & Crescent Society *
\$75,000	3	\$225,000	Four Pillars Society *
\$50,000	4	\$200,000	The Five Friends and Brothers Society *
\$25,000	8	\$200,000	Skull and Crossbones Society *
\$15,000	12	\$180,000	The Bedrock of the Brotherhood *
\$10,000	30	\$300,000	Bononia Docet Society *
\$7,500	26	\$195,000	Crescent of Bologna Circle *
\$5,000	50	\$250,000	Scarlet, White and Emerald Green Society *
\$3,500	40	\$140,000	Brothers of the Mist Society **
\$2,500	60	\$150,000	Lily of the Valley Society **
\$1,500	70	\$105,000	Scholars of Bononia Circle **
\$1,000	100	\$100,000	Loyal Brothers
\$750	80	\$60,000	
\$500	90	\$45,000	
TOTAL	580	\$3,500,000	

* Included on Permanent Plaque in Foyer and Printed Material

** Included on Printed Material

This campaign on behalf of Epsilon Gamma includes donation options through Louisiana Tech University Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:



Twelfth Gate Foundation

Donations made directly to the Twelfth Gate Foundation are **not tax deductible**. However, we encourage direct donations when feasible because these funds are needed to cover the portion of the house that is not deemed educational space. Additionally, funds donated directly are received faster than those processed through the Louisiana Tech Foundation.

- ☐ **Check:** Make payable to Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc., memo line: Kappa Sigma House Fund.
- ☐ **Online Options:** Please visit latechkappasig.org/donate to see more options to donate to Twelfth Gate Foundation, Inc. using credit card, bank drafts, or specific online form.

PLEDGE FORM:

I pledge and agree to pay the sum of \$ _____

I will make my gift according to the following schedule:

\$ _____ on _____
(Amount) (Included or Date)

\$ _____ on _____
(Amount) (Date)

\$ _____ on _____
(Amount) (Date)

\$ _____ on _____
(Amount) (Date)

\$ _____ on _____
(Amount) (Date)

Other \$ _____ (One-time gift)

Louisiana Tech Foundation – Designated to Kappa Sigma Housing

This is a **tax-deductible** giving opportunity currently available.

Please note that tax-deductible gifts are limited to the portion of the project related to educational space.

- ☐ **Check:** Make payable to Louisiana Tech University Foundation, memo line: Kappa Sigma House Fund.
- ☐ **Online Options:** Please visit latechkappasig.org/donate to see more options to donate through La Tech Foundation including credit card, recurring gifts, stock gifts, and other options using the specific La Tech Foundation form.

I WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE MY GIFT:

- ☐ In memory of _____
- ☐ In honor of _____
- ☐ Family gift _____
names/initiation years and chapter of initiation
- ☐ Anonymous

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- ☐ My employer offers matching gifts (form enclosed)

Employer (for matching gifts): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Every brother matters. If a cash gift isn't right for you today, please consider an asset gift to help secure our legacy.

I want to make a big impact by giving from my assets:

- ☐ A gift of appreciated stock or securities
- ☐ A Qualified Charitable Distribution from my IRA (age 70½+)
- ☐ A grant from my Donor-Advised Fund
- ☐ A gift of real estate or other non-cash assets
- ☐ Other: _____



To give now, scan this QR code with your mobile device. Or visit latechkappasig.org/donate from your computer or web browser.

For confidential gift planning assistance, please contact Scott Schneider or Blake Wilcox, Co-Presidents, at TwelfthGate@LaTechKappaSig.org.



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